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Mary Elaine Gustafson
Remedial Project Manager
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 W. Jackson Blvd. (HSRL-6J)
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Dear Ms. Gustafson:

This letter is being written after reviewing the facts revealed at the August 19, 1992, meeting regarding the HIMCO Dump Site, Elkhart, IN.

Our concern as a PRP in this matter primarily involves receiving a fair and equitable settlement from the PRP group itself. If past encounters are an indication of what we can expect, then a very disproportionate share of the cost of clean-up is likely to be proposed to companies such as ourselves, who contributed very little to the site.

We know for a fact that nothing Crosbie Foundry generates as waste would ever cause any kind of a groundwater pollution situation. Furthermore, the miniscule amount of waste we could have deposited into this site compared to the other major companies involved is relatively insignificant.

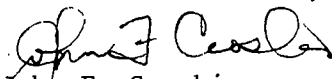
Therefore, we would like to go on record as stating our willingness to settle directly with the EPA as a "De Minimis" contributor, providing the PRP group does not cooperatively and equitably settle this matter among themselves to the satisfaction of the EPA.

We don't know if a direct settlement with the EPA is possible, but please note we are willing to help if our share of the cost is proportionate to our contribution to the HIMCO site. Crosbie Foundry's willingness to cooperate does not constitute an admission, acceptance or intention to acknowledge any liability or fault with respect to any matter arising out of or relating to the HIMCO site.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

CROSBIE FOUNDRY CO., INC.


John F. Crosbie
Secretary/Treasurer

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